

**THE ATTACHED  
AMENDMENTS  
ARE TO BILLS  
THAT WILL  
BE  
HEARD ON  
HOUSE MESSAGE  
CALENDAR  
TODAY  
THURSDAY  
MARCH 21, 2019**

Amendment No. 1 to SB0012

Bell  
Signature of Sponsor

**AMEND Senate Bill No. 12**

**House Bill No. 3**

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37, Chapter 1, Part 1, is amended by adding the following new section:

(a) As used in this section, "relative caregiver" means a person within a first, second, or third degree of relationship to the parent or step-parent of a child who may be related through blood, marriage, or adoption.

(b) Any court that issues an order granting custody or guardianship of a child to a person who qualifies as a relative caregiver shall notify the relative caregiver that resources and funding for relative caregivers may be available through programs administered by the department.

(c) The department shall distribute information on available relative caregiver resources to the administrative office of the courts, and the administrative office of the courts shall distribute the information to each court within the state that issues orders regarding child custody or guardianship. For purposes of satisfying the requirements of this subsection (c), the distribution of resource information may be accomplished by electronic means.

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SECTION 2. For purposes of promulgating rules, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, this act shall take effect July 1, 2019, the public welfare requiring it.